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1. In November 1949

_____ the Soviet Government held the following views with regard to Southeast Asia:

- a. Southeast Asia is the weakest point in the American defense line, containing the "motherland of Communism."*
- b. Southeast Asia is the greatest potential source of raw materials for the restoration of Chinese economy.
- c. The Soviet Government hoped that China intended to develop a strong policy of expansion in Southeast Asia.

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